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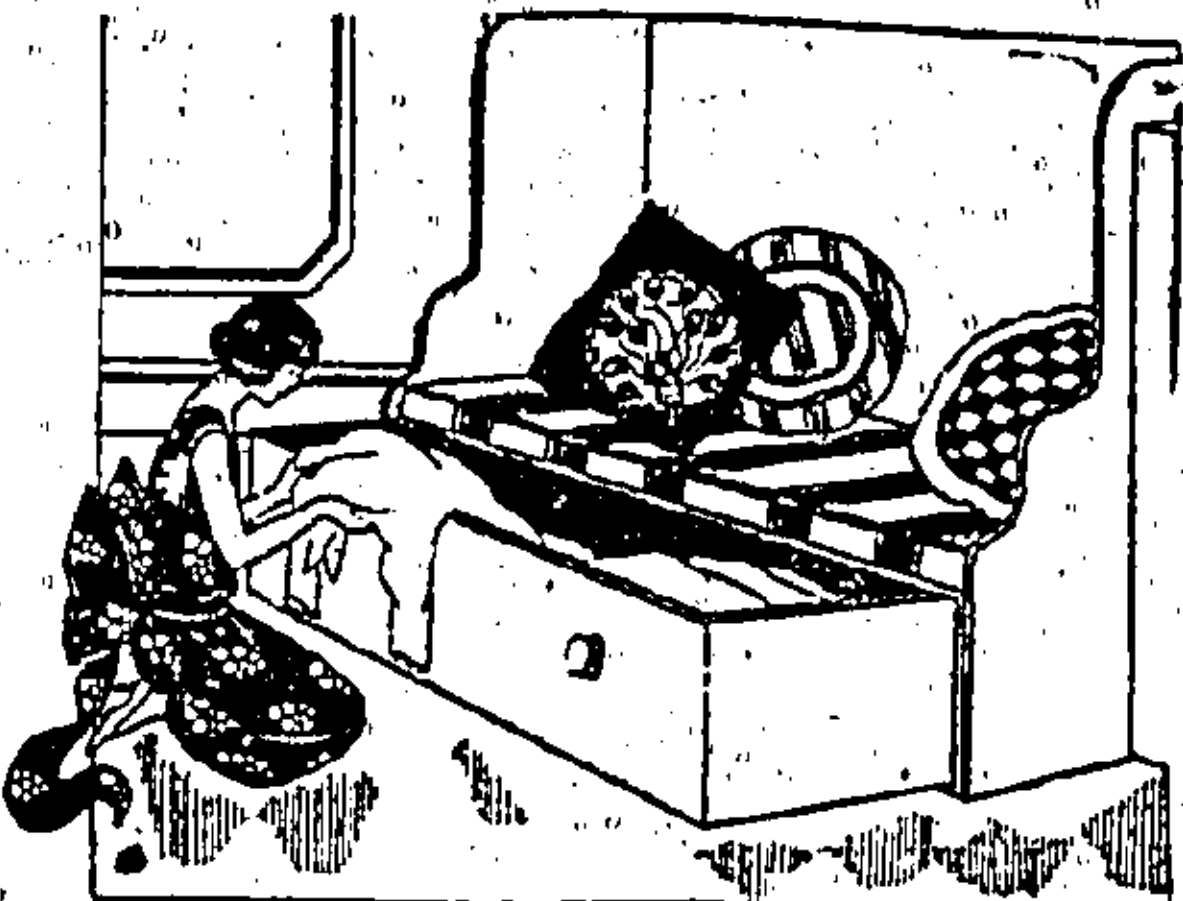
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LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

CIVILIANS DEFEAT ARMY TEAM IN LAI WAH CUP.

Results of matches played on Saturday:—

LAI WAH CUP COMPETITION—SEMI-FINAL:
Civilians 1 Army 0

HONGKONG LEAGUE:
DIVISION II. "A."
East Surreys Club de Recreo 1
South China "A" St. Joseph's 1
Kowloon Res. H.K. Club Res. 0

DIVISION II. "B."
University Moslem C. "A" 2
East Surreys South China "C" 2
Kowloon Res. Moslem C. "B" 1
South China "B" St. Joseph's Boarders match not played.

CIVILIANS v. ARMY.

A large crowd turned out to witness the semi-final match on the Garrison ground between teams chosen from the Civilians and the Army. The Civilians are the holders of the Lai Wah Cup.

The game was keenly contested throughout and the result always in doubt; for in the last kick of the game the Army had the chance to force another meeting between these teams.

Rocha, who was reported injured early in the week, turned out in the Civilian forward line to partner Simpson.

Exchanges were very even in the opening minutes. The Army lost the services of Humberstone early in the game. The first movement of note was made by the Civilians after Bristowe had handled, Stewart sending in a hard drive which Sims cleared. Charlesworth did well on the right wing and several times had Rodger beaten, but the Army inside men were slow and the backs cleared. Jordan was beaten, but managed to pull the ball down. Wynne took the free kick and sent wide of the goal. Butler beat Rodger with a header but Stantun saved from almost the goal line. Stantun saved from Taylor and a shot from Simpson struck the post. Mitchell lifted the ball over the top following good work by Charlesworth. Sims broke up several good movements by the Civilian forwards but placed the ball badly. Stantun cleared from Simpson and Rocha and Taylor ended up a run down the wing by shooting behind. Rodger saved from Mitchell and Bishop cleared. Sims sent over the bar with a long shot and Charlesworth cleared. Rodger sent a shot into the goal when the Civilian forwards were close in. McGreavy sent Mitchell in, but the final shot was wide. The Army, playing ten men, quite held their own and worried the Civilian defence. Great excitement prevailed following a corner kick against Bishop and a sign of relief went up when McGreavy sent the ball over the bar.

Humberstone now returned and for a time the Civilian defence was hard pressed. A centre from Charlesworth should have been turned to account but the left wing was out of position and the ball rolled over the line. The Civilians took the lead with a fine header by Gosano who received from a well placed corner kick by Taylor.

The Civilians nearly increased their lead in the next minute for Stantun coming out to clear but he was beaten by Charlesworth and cleared before the Civilian's right could get up. Rocha had a good opening when Cooper missed from a centre by Taylor. The Army forced a corner and Mitchell shot wide. Humberstone sent in a fine drive from twenty yards and Rodger at full length turned the ball round the post. Another mêlée in front of the Civilian's goal ended when Mitchell sent behind. Half-time arrived with the Civilians leading by a goal to nil.

THE SECOND HALF.

From the re-start Wynne was soon called upon to clear. Humberstone was again forced to retire for a few minutes. Rodger saved from Mackleworth and Wynne kicked out to clear from a shot by Charlesworth. Simpson placed Rocha in possession and he was beaten by Mitchell. The ball over the bar from a pass by Mackleworth and Stantun saved from McKelvie. Mitchell headed into Rodger's hands and Taylor, going down the wing, sent across and Gosano headed over the top. Rodger cleared from a header by Humberstone and the Army returning. McKelvie turned the ball over his own goal bar with Rodger beaten. At the other end, both Stewart and Simpson failed with long shots. Mackleworth was always dangerous with his lobbing centres but Humberstone was not playing his usual forcing game.

Cooper cleared shots from Forsyth and Gosano. Mitchell received from a pass by Charlesworth but shot wide. Wynne handled thirty yards out and the Army supporters' hopes were raised when Sims came to take the kick but he sent the ball well over the bar. The game continued fast and exciting, Wynne being outstanding in the Civilian defence. Bishop covered up well and the defence was well backed up by the middle line who were in the right place at the right moment. Butler looked a certain scorer but Wynne came through with the ball and took it well over the middle line before sending to Gosano. A fast shot from Humberstone just missed and close on time the Army forced a corner. Mackleworth dropped the ball within two feet of the crossbar, but Rodger cleared. The final whistle sounded with the half-time score unaltered and the Civilians won a well contested game by a goal to nil, despite the opinion of the local

Civilians.—G. Rodger (Club); Wynne (Police) and Bishop (Club); Brittain (Police), J. Stewart (Club) and McKelvie (Kowloon); Taylor (Kowloon), Forsyth (Club), Gosano (Recreio), Rocha (Recreio) and Simpson (Police).

Army.—Stanton (R.A.); Cooper and Jordan (Surreys); McGreavy (Surreys), Sims (R.A.M.C.) and Bristowe (Surreys); Charlesworth, Mitchell, Humberstone, Butler and Mackleworth (Surreys).
Referee: P.O. Matthews, R.N. Linesmen: Corpl. Austen, R.M., and Lt. Corpl. Phillip, East Surreys.

EAST SURREYS DRUMS CLUB DE RECREIO "A."

On the Railway ground at Kowloon the Recreio went down to a much heavier side, the East Surreys Drums, by four goals to one.

At the interval the Drums were leading by three clear goals. The second half was more evenly contested, each side scoring once. Graham and Muffet shared the Drums goals and Carvalho scored the Recreio's only point.

SOUTH CHINA "A" v. ST. JOSEPH'S.

A great following turned out to witness South China oppose St. Joseph's on the Garrison ground this season. The College team winning by two clear goals.

South China took the lead early in the game. Hyder headed in the penalty area and Lau Kan opened the score from the spot kick. South China did most of the pressing, but Hyder saved well. Maher sent in a fast shot from the right and the goalie saved near the post. After Au Kit Sang had been stopped for offside play, Ip Kan came through and, with a fast cross shot, scored South China's second goal. At the interval South China led by two goals to nil.

St. Joseph's reduced South China's lead early in the second half, Ward converting from a penalty against Cheung Wing Shing for handling. Ip Kan scored the third goal for South China, who ran out winners by three goals to one.

H.K. CLUB RES. v. KOWLOON RES.

The Club lost the services of Slipper, their goalkeeper, in the second half during which time the Kowloon Reserves scored the only goal of the match.

UNIVERSITY v. MOSLEM CLUB "A."

At Sookpoo, the University returned to league football, winning by four goals to two against the Moslem Club "A."

EAST SURREYS DRUMS RES. v. SOUTH CHINA "C."

South China "C" dropped their first point in the league in their game with the Drums Reserves at Sookpoo. Until five minutes from the close, the Drums were leading. Bowles scored twice for the Drums and Wong Mee and Tin Lip for South China "C."

KOWLOON "B" v. MOSLEM "B."

Each team, by scoring a goal on the Navy "B" ground, also scored their first point in the league this season. Draw one all.

RUGBY.

E.R.A.'S DEFEAT CLUB.

Members of the interport selection committee were present at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon, to witness the last practice game prior to the interport match at Shingchi, which is to be played at the end of the month. A team from the Engine Room artificers opposed the Club, and were victorious by 12 points to nil.

The teams were as under:—
E.R.A.: Rippington; Rothwell, Kibbwhite, Tinker, Chant; Northwood and Duckworth; McDonald, McTaggart, Bradford, Hathaway, Kinnane, Edwards, Archer, and Sergeant.

Club: Armstrong; Summers, Rushton; Lloyd, Lammet; Ralph and Noronha; Foster, Gould, Smith; Davies, Day, O'Connor, Thompson, and Andrews.
Referee:—Mr. B. Tickle.

The Artificers showed their superiority in handling and passing, and for the most part hemmed their rivals in their own half. The Club defence was, however, very sure, and despite the fact that the Navy had most of the game, they only got through once in the first half, when Kinnane scored a try. The kick at goal failed.

In the second half the Club improved, but the Navy was not to be denied. Chant secured a good try, which, however, was not converted. Before the final whistle sounded, the Artificers got through twice, through Kibbwhite and McTaggart. No goals resulted.

The game was hard and fast, and the Navy playing a fine game throughout, deserved their victory.

Result:—E.R.A.'s: 4 tries, 12 points. Club: nil.

HOCKEY.

The following will represent the Club against H.M.S. Hawkins on Wednesday, December 16th, at 4.45 p.m. sharp at the U.R.C.:—E. W. Hamilton, A. P. T. Farquharson, C. L. R. Becher, A. S. Hett, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), E. W. L. Martin, H. Owen-Hughes, A. D. Ball, W. Woodward, B. D. Evans and T. J. Prite.

BOXING.

A boxing tournament has been arranged between the 1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, and H.M.S. Hawkins to take place at Murray Barracks at 8.30 to-night. There will be 10 bouts at all weights from Light Heavy to Fly.

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HONGKONG.**LOCAL SPORT.****CRICKET.****SATURDAY'S LOCAL MATCHES.**

THE LEAGUE: DIV. I.

C.S.C.C. v. K.C.C.

The Civil Service Club catered for Kowloon on Saturday, and the match resulted in a draw. The visitors batted first, their innings realising 153, in which the highest scorers were Lyle (37) and Lindsay (34 not out). The home side started in poor fashion, but had scored 90 for two wickets when stumps were drawn, and the match was declared drawn.

Scores:—

K.C.C.	
J. C. Lyle, b. Baker	37
A. W. Ramsay, c. Hamilton, b. Reed	21
Capt. Walters, b. Evans	0
Major Pollard, l.b.w., b. Reed	0
Capt. Morris, c. Hamilton, b. Evans	11
Lieut.-Col. Matthews, c. Finner, b. Evans	5
F. Goodwin, b. Hamilton	16
S. Jex, b. Baker	0
K. R. Macaskill, c. Sayer, b. Baker	10
R. E. Lindsay, not out	34
H. Overy, c. and b. Evans	12
Extras	13
Total	159

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Reed	10	0	53	2
Evans	11.4	1	32	4
Baker	7	1	33	3
Hamilton	5	0	28	1

C.S.C.C.

G. R. Sayer, c. Pollard, b. Morris	38
F. J. de Rome, st. Jex, b. Lyle	42
F. C. Finner, not out	6
A. E. Wood, not out	7
Extras	5
Total (for 2 wickets)	86

F. E. Lawrence, B. D. Evans, E. W. Hamilton, H. Wallington, F. Baker, F. H. Holdman and E. B. Reed did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	13	5	51	0
Lyle	10	2	29	1
Morris	6	2	13	1
Overy	1	0	13	0
Ramsay	2	0	2	0

C.C.C. v. C.R.C.

Craigengower, at home, beat the Chinese by 38 runs. The home side batted first, and the spectators were given a real cricket treat, some hard hitting being seen. Fritz in a well collected 82, hit nine fours, and Finner for Craigengower, too, carried out his bat for 61. The home team declared at 199 for four wickets, while the Chinese were dismissed for 141. Hung scored 53, which included ten fours.

Scores:—

Dr. Fritz, c. Yeoh, b. W. Hung	82
H. C. Reed, c. Yung, b. W. Hung	19
E. Finner, not out	61
B. W. Bradbury, b. Ching	27
T. Grimes, run out	0
Extras	10
Total (for 4 wickets, dec.)	199

S. Abbas, A. B. Hamson, R. Basu, A. Kitchell, F. Schnepel and E. Hamson did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ching	15	3	55	1
W. Hung	10	2	49	2
Ng Sze Kwong	1	0	9	0
Youngsaye	4	0	22	0
Yeoh	4	0	45	0
H. Hung	2.4	0	0	0

CHINESE R.C.

T. E. Yeoh, c. Schnepel, b. Abbas	8
T. L. Youngsaye, run out	32
W. C. Hung, c. Grimes, b. Fritz	59
Ng Sze Kwong, c. Bradbury, b. Abbas	3
C. Choa, c. Abbas, b. Fritz	3
Yung Hin Lun, b. Fritz	3
H. C. Hung, b. Finner	16
K. W. Cheng, run out	0
P. S. Wong, c. Schnepel, b. Abbas	10
H. Ching, c. Fritz, b. Abbas	0
C. E. Wong, not out	2
Extras	5
Total	141

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Abbas	13.4	3	48	4
Finner	6	0	28	1
Fritz	10	1	51	3
Bradbury	2	0	8	0

THE LEAGUE: DIV. II.

I.R.C. v. ROYAL NAVY

The Indian R.C. juniors proved too strong for the Royal Navy II. at Soccer. The home side batted first and scored 153, to which the Navy could only reply with 54. For the Indians Suffad took four wickets for 27 and Rumjahn six for 23.

Scores:—

I.R.C. II.	
M. P. Madar, b. Hayter	21
H. Hassan, b. Emley	27
N. B. Kitchell, c. and b. Hayter	8
H. D. Rumjahn, c. Emley, b. Allen	18
S. A. Ismail, b. Allen	7
J. S. Ackker, b. Allen	10
A. S. Ismail, c. McEntosh, b. Ingham	10
S. A. Z. Ismail, b. Emley	12
V. A. Wahab, c. and b. Emley	26
A. S. Suffad, b. Palaret	21
A. E. M. Samy, not out	1
Extras	21
Total	153

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Allen	14	5	34	3
Hayter	10	1	19	2
Emley	6	2	29	3
Ingham	7	1	20	1
Palaret	4.2	0	30	1

NAVY II.

Lieut. Emley, c. and b. Suffad	0
Lieut. Hayter, c. Kitchell, b. Rumjahn	0
Lieut. Williams, b. Suffad	3
Lieut. Majandie, b. Suffad	0
Pay-Lieut. Allen, l.b.w., b. Suffad	0
Lieut. Conway, c. Madar, b. Rumjahn	0
Lieut. Manasgerh, not out	29
Lieut.-Comdr. Sankey, b. Rumjahn	12
Lieut.-Comdr. Ingham, st. Ismail, b. Rumjahn	3
Sub-Lieut. Palaret, c. Suffad, b. Rumjahn	1
Lieut. Spencer, c. and b. Rumjahn	0
Extras	1
Total	54

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. S. Suffad	9	3	27	4
H. D. Rumjahn	10	1	25	6
A. S. Ismail	1	0	1	0

P.R.C. v. R.E.

The Police, playing at home, defeated the Royal Engineers by seven runs. For the Royal Engineers Cockell took five wickets for 23.

Scores:—

R.E.	
Sergt. Cockell, c. Wagland, b. Lacey	33
Corpl. Blondin, c. Wagland, b. Alexander	19
S.-Sergt. Higgs, b. Alexander	0
Capt. Bridgland, b. Lacey	19
Col. Mackintosh, c. and b. Alexander	1
Lieut.-Corpl. Hollands, c. Clarke, b. Lacey	11
Q.M.S. Ramsay, hit wicket, b. Lacey	0
Q.M.S. Brown, c. and b. Lacey	12
Sap. Goodyer, c. Reynolds, b. Alexander	2
Sergt. Jones, not out	4
Sig. Durand, st. Reynolds, b. Alexander	0
Extras	10
Total	111

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Robertson	5	0	21	0
Mendous	2	0	29	0
Alexander	11	1	32	5
Lacey	9	2	28	5

P.M.C.

W. E. Meadows, c. Ramsay, b. Jones	33
W. L. Clark, b. Goodyer	10
C. F. Alexander, c. Brown, b. Higgs	5
Capt. Bloxham, b. Jones	5
T. H. King, l.b.w., b. Jones	15
C. S. Reynolds, c. Jones, b. Cockell	18
W. L. Sparrow, c. Ramsay, b. Cockell	21
Lacey, b. Cockell	5
R. G. Robertson, c. and b. Cockell	0
W. Wagland, not out	0
P. Condon, c. Mackintosh, b. Cockell	4
Extras	8
Total	118

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodyer	13	2	43	1
Higgs	10	5	23	1
Jones	6	2	8	3
Durand	2	0	13	0
Cockell	6.5	1	23	5

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

"OUTCASTS" v. H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

The visitors defeated the Club "Outcasts" on the latter's ground. The game was marked by big scoring on both sides. Hayward played a fine innings for the Club, his 75 including nine fours. For the visitors Lake secured 31 and Halsey carried out his bat for 51.

Scores:—

CLUB "OUTCASTS."	
A. W. Hayward, b. Halsey	75
R. E. A. Webster, c. Halsey, b. Woodward	27
J. D. Humphreys, c. and b. Cantrell	13
T. E. Pearce, b. Cantrell	7
H. Owen Hughes, c. Armitage, b. Halsey	39
H. Hancock, not out	18
A. G. Gace, c. Lake, b. Cantrell	1
A. K. Mackenzie, b. Halsey	5
A. C. L. Bowker, not out	11
Extras	17
Total (for 7 wickets, dec.)	190

E. N. Young and E. G. Lammert did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cantrell	22	6	65	3
Halsey	14	0	51	3
Woodward	10	0	40	1
Lake	3	0	17	0

H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

Lt.-Comdr. Armitage, c. Owen Hughes, b. Bowker	3
Pay-Lieut. Hussey, b. Bowker	4
Mid. Stephenson, c. Owen Hughes, b. Bowker	36
Capt. Lake, b. Young	54
Pay-Comdr. Woodward, b. Bowker	3
Lieut. Wauchope, b. Bowker	36
Lt.-Col. Cantrell, c. Webster, b. Owen Hughes	0
Lieut. Halsey, not out	51
Lt.-Comdr. Bowker, not out	0
Extras	2
Total (for 7 wickets)	193

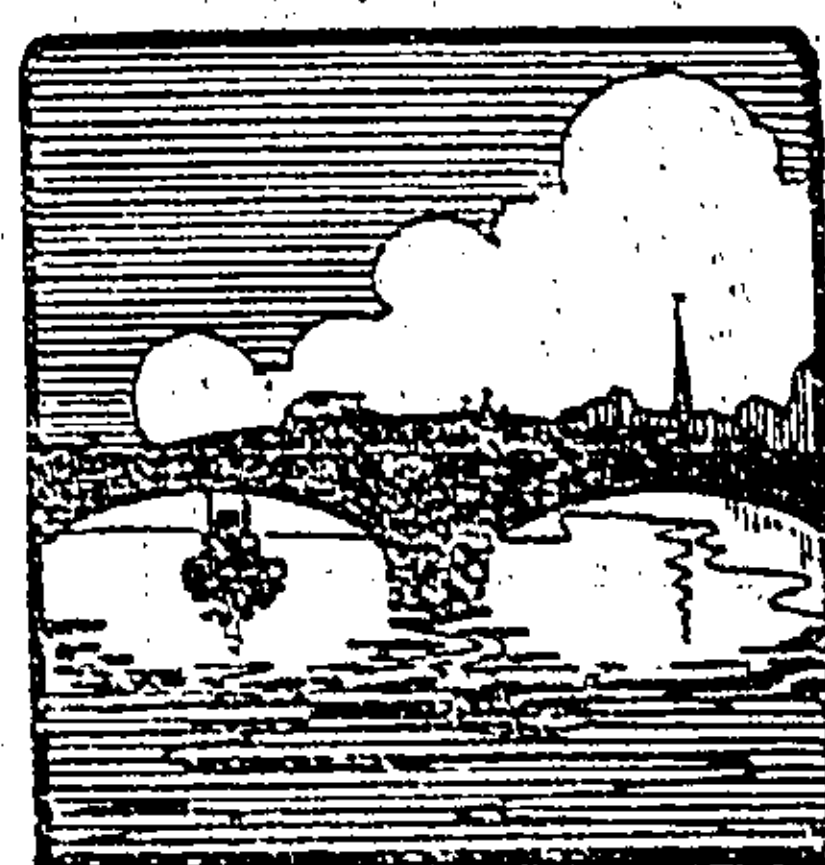
Mid. Sims and Lieut. Nave did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bowker	18	3	65	5
Lammert	6	1	30	0
Young	7	0	56	1
Owen Hughes	5	0	43	1

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THE KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION
DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents, Hongkong.**UNIVERSITY v. NAVY.**

The Navy were entertained at Pokfulam by the University, who defeated their visitors by 30 runs, with two wickets in hand. The Navy batted first, scoring 140, which included a fine 70 by Lieut. Simpson. The latter's score included 14 fours. The University, in reply, knocked out 179 for eight wickets, their principal scorers being B. P. Ng (52). For the University Lam took four wickets for 29, and Rumjahn three for 28.

K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.

The Civil Service C.C. "A" visited Kowloon, and beat the K.C.C. by 31 runs. The highest scorer was Patterson for the visitors. For the home side Lee took five wickets for 22, and Lee was also their highest scorer with 23. The scores read: C.S.C.C. "A" 138; K.C.C. 111.

WAYFOONG v. EWO.

Wayfoong (H.K. and S. Bank) met Ewo (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) on the Chinese Recreation Club ground, and the match ended in a win for the former by 45 runs. Wayfoong batted first and knocked out 137, to which Hall contributed 84, which included 15 fours. Ewo were dismissed for 112. H. J. V. K. Stevenson being the highest scorer with 34.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Below we give the corrected positions in the Hongkong Cricket League following the week-end matches.

The Royal Navy, who did not play on Saturday, still maintain their place at the top of the table in Division I, but Kowloon, who have now played the same number of matches, and have incidentally won and drawn the same number of games as their rivals for the leadership, are now equal leaders of their division. Craigengower, who have only played two league matches so far, by winning against the Chinese Recreation Club, have moved from ninth position in the table to fifth, being only one point behind the H.K.C.C., who are fourth and have played one more game.

In the Second Division, the K.C.C. 2nd still hold their position at the head of the table, although they did not play on Saturday. The I.R.C. by defeating the Navy 2nd XI, added three points and maintain their position as second in the league, although they have played one more game than the leaders and are two points behind. The Police by winning against the R.E.s, moved up from fifth to third position in the table.

The respective positions of the Clubs read as under:—

DIVISION I.				
	P.	W.	D.	L. PTS.
Royal Navy	5	2	3	0 9
Kowloon	5	2	3	0 9
University	3	2	1	0 7
I.R.C. 2nd	3	1	1	0 5
Craigengower	2	1	1	0 4
Civil Service	4	0	4	0 4
R.A.	2	1	0	1 3
East Surreys	6	0	3	3 3
Indian R.C.	5	0	2	3 2
Chinese R.C.	3	0	1	2 1

DIVISION II.				
	P.	W.	D.	L. PTS.
K.C.C. 2nd	5	3	2	0 11
I.R.C. 2nd	6	3	0	3 9
Police	4	2	1	1 7
H.K.C.C. 2nd	3	1	2	0 5
Navy 2nd	4	1	2	1 5
C.S.C.C. "A"	3	0	1	2 1
R.E.	1	0	0	1 0
Varsity 2nd	2	0	0	2 0

GOLF.**RESULTS OF PLAY IN LOCAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

Yesterday there were golf championship matches in progress on two courses. At Fanling the semi-finals of the Club Championship (18 holes) were decided and at Happy Valley the final of the Junior Section Championship (36 holes) was played.

At Fanling there were two surprises. In one semi-final H. U. Ireland defeated A. H. Ferguson, one up.

This was an excellent match keenly contested from start to finish, and there was no stage of the match more than one hole between the players.

In the other semi-final, the biggest surprise was created by W. Douglas beating R. M. Smith 4 and 4. Smith, who had previously won the Championship, was expected to figure in the final and it was also thought that Ferguson would have been his opponent. Smith, however, was far from well and did not put up his usual game.

The final of the Championship, H. U. Ireland v. W. Douglas, will be played at Fanling (36 holes) next Sunday. On the Happy Valley Course, J. Laing won the Junior Section Championship by beating J. Stewart.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN.**END OF THE SEASON.**

The annual "At Home" at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday proved a very successful close to the bowl season at the Club. The afternoon's sport, which included bowls and lawn tennis, was enjoyed by a large number of members and their friends.

In fine weather a bowls match was played between teams selected by the President, Mr. P. T. Farrell, and the Vice-President, Mr. J. S. McIntosh. The rivalry was keen and the game resulted in a win for the

SATURDAY'S WEDDINGS. CEREMONIES AT WANCHAI AND CATHEDRAL.

HUDESPETH-ANKERS.
Two marriages took place, in the Wesleyan Church at Wanchai on Saturday morning: the two bridegrooms working at a lonely mission at Chao Tong Fu, Yunnan, West China, took 37 days to reach Hongkong, fifteen days being spent in travelling overland by chair and the rest in coming down the Yangtze River and the sea trip from Shanghai. The brides had come out from England, and brides and bridegrooms met in Hongkong.

The Rev. W. Lindsay officiated at the double wedding, and amongst those present, was Bishop Hind (Bishop of Fukuoka). The parties at the first wedding were Miss Florence M. Ankers, daughter of the late Thomas and Lania Ankers; and the Rev. Capt. W. H. Hudspeth, M.A., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hudspeth, of Wellington, England.

The bride was charmingly attired in a dress of ivory chiffon velvet, with veil and orange blossoms, and her going away dress will be a costume of kasha.

Miss Marie Clarke and Miss Mollie Brown were bridesmaids. They were dressed in blue taffeta with floral wreaths, and carried a basket of pink chrysanthemums and roses.

COTTRELL-FORD.

The second wedding was that of Miss Marjorie Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ford, of Redlands, Bristol; and the Rev. Fred Cottrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cottrell, of Bristol.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr. W. H. Edmonds, was attired in an ivory crepe de chine dress, with veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and roses.

Miss Mollie Brown and Miss Marie Clarke, who were attired in blue taffeta and floral wreaths, and carried baskets of pink chrysanthemums and roses, were the bridesmaids. The matron of honour, Mrs. W. H. Edmonds, the aunt of the bridegroom, was attired in a green georgette dress with a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums.

Mr. G. H. Piercy was organist, and the hymns played were "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden," and "Love Divine."

The bridesmaids were the recipients of presents from the bridegrooms, in the form of silver handbags.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edmonds, and on Thursday, the newly wedded couples leave for Shanghai to start their long journey up the Yangtze Kiang and across country to Yunnan.

CATHEDRAL WEDDING.

STRANGE-HARRIS.

A pretty wedding also took place at St. John's Cathedral, when Mr. Charles Strange, Inspector, Sanitary Department, was married to Miss Florence Mabel Harris of Brighton. The Rev. T. B. Powell officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr. H. E. Strange, wore a dress of white silk dress with fur, beaver, and pearl trimmings; veil and a wreath of orange blossoms, and silver brocade shoes. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and pink roses.

Mrs. H. E. Strange was the matron of honour, Misses Dorothy Watson and Norma Blake were the train bearers, and Mr. J. Watson best man. The wedding reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden, and later the happy couple left for Repulse Bay, intending later to go to Macao.

ATTRACTIVE BAZAAR. NEXT WEEK-END'S SALE OF WORK.

An attractive bazaar and sale of work is to be held at the St. Patrick's Club, Garden Road, on Saturday and Sunday next, under the patronage of Mrs. Cecil Clementi, in aid of the Sisters of the Precious Blood.

The sisters of this order are Chinese women who have devoted their lives to teaching and ministering to the needy in Kwangtung. Their head quarters are at Shauiwan where they occupy a new building recently provided by the Government.

There will be at the sale some beautiful needlework made by the sisters during the past year, as well as a fine assortment of toys, which will be suitable as Christmas presents for the children.

Mrs. Clementi in addition to a cheque has presented two very artistic cushions which will be raffled.

Mrs. R. H. Kotewall is president of the Bazaar Committee and other well-known ladies are expected to be present next Saturday and Sunday.

BANKRUPTCY COURT. TEN CASES ON SATURDAY.

There were ten cases before Sir Henry Gollan, K.C., the Chief Justice, at the Bankruptcy Court on Saturday. Three applications for adjudication were granted, three adjournments pending hearing of petitions allowed and four refused.

SHIPPING SLUMP.

An application for a receiving order made by Mr. L. D. Turner in respect of Hui Cheung Shin, trading as the Cheong Hoo Steamship Co., was refused.

Mr. Turner said that he understood that the Official Receiver was opposing the application, on the ground of insufficiency of assets. The debtor's business had been to charter steamers trading between Hongkong and other Eastern ports.

He began business with \$100,000 capital, and had failed owing to the shipping slump last year, the final blow being the recent strike. The assets were between \$2,000 and \$3,000 and the liabilities nearly \$80,000. The Oriental Steam Navigation Company, who were the largest creditors, were not against the application and were willing to receive a small dividend. Other creditors, convinced that the debtor's losses were genuine and not the result of his own carelessness, were also desirous not to make him bankrupt.

The Official Receiver pointed out the disparity in the assets and liabilities, and mentioned that there was \$10,000 owing to the Douglas Steamship Company.

His Lordship dismissed the application.

ASSETS WHICH DID NOT EXIST

An application for adjournment of the hearing of a petition in the case of Lau Tat, alias Lau Lin Wai, was also dismissed. The Official Receiver said that land in the Kowloon and the New Territories had been mentioned as assets, and put down at \$3,400. It was found that there was a prohibitory order in respect of this property, concerned with a judgment in an action amounting to \$3,400. Debtor was not represented.

THE KUE ON BANK.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, appearing for a petitioning creditor in the case of the Kue On Bank, said that the debtor's friends had approached the creditors offering a composition which was practically agreed upon. Delay had been caused by the usual bargaining, because one offered so much and another an amount which was considerably less.

TSAU LOONG & CO.

An application by Mr. J. T. Prior for an adjournment in the case of Tsau Loong & Co. was dismissed.

WONG AU SHI.

The case of Wong Au Shi, the proprietor of the Tai Fung firm, was adjourned for the possible distribution of further assets. The Official Receiver said that the debtor had brought to him a woman who was prepared to pay \$1,000 for the goodwill of the business.

AN ABSCONDING DEBTOR.

Mr. Prior appeared for a petitioning creditor, who had been twice absent before, and was told that his application for adjournment would be dismissed if he again failed to appear. The debtor in this case had absconded.

ADJUDICATIONS GRANTED.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask's application for adjudication in respect of Wong Tye Chai was granted, this being the outcome of a creditors' meeting. In the case of Wong Po Tai, alias Wong Shi Shun, an application for adjudication made by Mr. Prior was granted, the Official Receiver being appointed as trustee.

Applications for adjudication in respect of Tai Lee Chan and the Kwong Sing firm, made by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, were granted.

NORTH POINT TRAGEDY.

NINE COOLIES DISCHARGED.

The case in which two coolies were charged with manslaughter and seven others with inflicting grievous bodily harm on another coolie who was employed by the Netherlands Harbour Works Company on the Reclamation work at North Point, again occupying the attention of Mr. B. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning, resulting in the discharge of the men accused.

The case, as previously reported in the *Daily Press*, was one in which the defendants were alleged to have tied two of their companion coolies to stakes and severely flogged them. One coolie so treated was discovered the next morning by an Indian constable dead at the foot of the pole to which he had been tied; while his companion had also collapsed at the stake and had to be removed to hospital suffering from severe injuries. This second man subsequently recovered. It appeared that through two boxes of clothes being missed, suspicion fell on the two men concerned, and they were taken out on the seafront in the dead of the night, blindfolded and then tied to the stakes and severely beaten.

In discharging the defendants, His Worship remarked that although the evidence was insufficient against them, he personally believed they were all more or less implicated in the affair which had led to the death of one of the two men.

Detective-Inspector T. Murphy appeared on behalf of the police.

COMPANY REPORT. CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. (1918), LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the seventh ordinary yearly meeting to be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Hongkong, on Monday, December 21st, states:—

The General Managers have now to lay before the Shareholders a Statement of Accounts for the 12 months ended September 30th, 1925.

The Gross Profit for the above period is \$253,279.07
Plus amount brought forward from last year 21,421.70
\$274,700.77

After allowing for:—
Interest, etc. \$ 4,807.67
Exchange 1,763.34
Writing off depreciation on the Company's Lines, Buildings, Machinery, etc. 115,034.57
Consulting Committee's and Auditors' Fees 8,800.00
129,405.58

The Balance to be dealt with is \$416,293.59

Which it is proposed be appropriated as follows:—

To put to credit of Repairs and Renewals Account \$ 70,000.00
To pay a Bonus to Staff of 10 per cent. 8,806.00
To pay an extra Bonus to Staff for overtime work during the Strike 1,450.00
To Write off Value of Crown Leases 10,000.00
To pay a Dividend of 7½ per cent. or 37½ cents per share on 400,000 Shares (Old) 150,000.00
To pay a Dividend of 7½ per cent. or 11.40 cents per share on 200,000 Shares (New) 22,800.00
To carry forward to next year's account 153,177.59
\$416,293.59

The Management regret that, owing to the present financial stringency and difficulty in obtaining funds, it is impossible to pay a larger dividend at the forthcoming meeting; but should money become available later on, it may be possible to declare an interim dividend.

Consulting Committee:—During the year Mr. A. H. White was appointed in place of Mr. H. P. White, who resigned on leaving the Colony. In accordance with the Articles of Association, Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. A. H. White, A. H. Compton, C. A. de Roza and Lee Hysan retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors:—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lindestad & Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews who are recommended for re-election.

THE "M.I." DISASTER.

R.A.O.B. CHARITY CARNIVAL.

In aid of the dependents of the victims of the recent M.I. disaster, the local lodges of the R.A.O.B. held a fancy dress carnival at the Royal Naval Cadet Theatre on Saturday night.

There were about 300 dancers present. The Theatre was decorated in attractive carnival array, a profuse display of streamers and suspended electric fairy lamps in picturesque lanterns of many colours having been artfully arranged by members of the ship's company of H.M.S. *Hawkins*, by the kind permission of Lieut.-Commander E. C. Bindloe.

The dance music, as dispensed by the syncretized jazz orchestra of H.M.S. *Titanica*, was much appreciated and altogether a very jolly time was spent. As a result of Saturday night's function, it is hoped to forward a gratifying sum to the M.I. Fund.

The M.C.'s for the dancing were Messrs. Pinn and Pillage.

During an interval in the programme, Mr. G. Sheriff presented the prizes to the best fancy costume winners. They were:

Ladies:—1, Miss Nora Hunt (as a fairy); 2, Mrs. Ward (as a Christmas Cracker).

Gentlemen:—1, Mr. Beddy (as Stony Broke); 2, Mr. Mainwaring (as Baby). The committee responsible for arranging the Carnival were selected from the local lodges of the Order and were as under:—Messrs. Jacob, Pook, Murphy, Pinn, Pillage, Jeffries (Chairman) and Tait (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

Dancing was continued until 1 a.m.

MISSING GOLD BARS.

A Jervis Street merchant has reported to the Police the loss of a case of gold bars valued at \$20,000. He states that a *foxi* was instructed to ship the gold to Hollow, and that he has now received a telegram from Hollow saying that the gold had not been received. The *foxi* has disappeared, and a reward of \$500 is offered for information leading to his arrest.

PROPERTY DEAL.

A large deal has just been put through, the property being 14 houses belonging to Messrs. M. Y. San & Co., 7 being opposite the Central Market, 3 in Cochrane Street and 4 in Stanley Street. The property was sold for the sum of \$885,000 to a wealthy Chinese in Singapore, through Messrs. Benjamin & Pott.

LOCAL RACING NOTES. CAPTAIN OXSPRING SAILING ON "CITY OF BARODA."

SHANGHAI AND HALF-BREDS.

[BY ANGUS.]
Captain G. E. Oxspring, R.A.V.C., after five years on the Hongkong station, is sailing for Home by the transport *City of Baroda* this morning.

During his stay here, Captain Oxspring has deservedly made a large number of friends—especially among the sporting community. He has evinced a keen interest in racing and polo; and owners of animals testify to the unremitting attention he has given to equine, canine and feline patients when his professional services have been required.

He has frequently ridden at the local race-meetings and time and again has accepted a mount on a pony that, to all intents and purposes, had not a 100-1 chance of gaining even third money. Some owners, who have taken advantage of his good nature, have, I regret to say, not played the game by seeking his services when there has been an opportunity of offering him a leg-up on what our American friends call a "live proposition."

As an owner, Captain Oxspring has seen his colours first past the post on one occasion this season, when Mr. Davies steered Monitor to victory in the Tudor Stakes, on April 11th, and earned his backers the pleasing dividend of \$106.80.

During his term here, Captain Oxspring has worked modestly, but unremittingly to bring home to officialdom and owners of ponies the risk of having lax laws regarding the importation of livestock and, in large measure, thanks are due to him for the Colony's practical immunity from glanders during recent years.

It was rumoured, a few months ago, that a movement was afoot to ask Government to relax the regulations with regard to the importation of ponies from Shanghai. I have heard nothing on the subject of late and sincerely trust that Government will stand firm, since, if ordinary common sense is brought into play, the present regulations impose no real hardship on importers.

Those who clamour for revision of the present precautionary measures, would shout the loudest in the event of an outbreak of glanders, caused by these same regulations not being enforced.

Early last year, Captain Oxspring spent some months in Mongolia "among the breeding grounds, which supply racing stock to the Northern Club."

On his return he willingly placed the knowledge he had gained at the disposal of any one who sought it. In great measure, due to this information, the Hongkong Jockey Club have been able to import a batch of subscription griffins which have been the subject of most favourable comment.

Captain Oxspring leaves behind a host of friends, who wish him all prosperity in the future and hope to welcome him back for another term of service in the Colony.

HIS SUCCESSOR.

Major W. F. Hogg, R.A.V.C., has taken over from Captain Oxspring, and has already shown appreciative interest in local racing. I understand that in the near future ponies will carry the joint colours of himself and Mr. Reidy, M.R.C.V.S. They have already purchased The Critic, a pony which I am confident will very soon pay for himself. So far the pony has never been thoroughly wound up, but when half-fit last Spring he ran a real good pony, under adverse circumstances, when he finished second to Jambu in the Hongkong Plate (1 mile). The pony was purchased by Captain Oxspring from Mr. P. Tester, and as his present owners are both also members of the Veterinary Profession, I shall be greatly surprised if the pony's present detractors are not made to eat their words before many months are past.

WARRENFIELD IS SOLD.
Word reaches me from Shanghai that Mr. Henry Morris has sold Warrenfield and three griffins for 15,000 taels. The purchaser is Mr. M. Speelman.

SHANGHAI FALLING INTO LINE.

From the same source, I hear that the Shanghai Stewards intend to allow two classes of ponies at future meetings. In other words, alleged half-bred ponies now branded with the "R" (signifying that Shanghai will not accept them as China ponies) will be eligible for certain events. In consequence of this decision, I am told that orders for a new classification will shortly be given. This may signify that certain ponies which have started in the North, will no longer be accepted as "China" ponies. The main point is, however, that Shanghai is falling into line with Hongkong, which means that some of our crack "foreigners" will be able to compete in Shanghai at the Spring and Autumn meetings.

Sportmen generally are expected to support the new measure, since it does not predicate the ultimate elimination of the China pony as does the rule of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

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B. ROSENTHAL, Agent.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1925. [2965]

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M.S. "MALAYA"

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, December, 13th 1925. [2966]

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1925. [2962]

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 28th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th instant at 10 a.m.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1925. [2956]

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[2953]

INTIMATIONS

LLOYD TRIESTINO NAV. CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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PORT SAID, MASSOWAH, ADEN,

COLOMBO, PENANG and SINGAPORE.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

intimation is received from the Consignees before 5.00 p.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th inst., will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst., at 10 a.m., by our

surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1925. [2959]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after the 15th of December, 1925, 4 p.m. will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 18th of December, 1925, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, December, 13th 1925. [2966]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "ANTENOR" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 10th December.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th December, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 30th December, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1925. [2961]

PREPAID "WANTED"

ADVERTISEMENTS

TO LET.—MODERN VILLA Fully Furnished, during Absence of advertiser, March to November, 1926. Best Location Overlooking Harbour, Modern Fittings, 3 W.C.'s, 2 Bath Rooms, etc. Apply—61, GRANTLEY ROAD, Kowloon—Preferably 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. [151]

WANTED.—For Immediate Occupation, Furnished House, BUNGALOW or FLAT at the Peak District or Middle Level. Write Box 153, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [153]

TO BE LET.—Early in March, 1926, Furnished Fire Roomed House on Peak Modern Conveniences. Apply—Box No 153, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [153]

TO LET.—From April 1st, 1926, for Six Months, Well Furnished Flat, Four Rooms, Central District, All Modern Conveniences including Elevator. Apply—Box No 153, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [153]

LOST.—In the Ladies' Cloak Room of the Hongkong Hotel on Thursday Evening Last, A DIAMOND Ring. Finder will be suitably Rewarded on Returning Same to The Manager, Hongkong Hotel. [153]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 29th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st JUNE, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th to the 28th DECEMBER, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, J. D. THOMSON, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1925. [2964]

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. F. MURPHY is No Longer Connected with this Company, and CEASED TO SIGN as Secretary from 1st DECEMBER, 1925.

KOWLOON TONG AND NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.,

E. D. SHANK, General Manager.

[2957]

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, 2, GEORGE'S BUILDING, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 21st DECEMBER, 1925, at 11.30 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the Year ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1925, and electing a Company Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 10th DECEMBER, 1925, until MONDAY, the 21st DECEMBER, 1925, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1925. [2953]

BOOK-KEEPER WANTED.

AN Experienced BOOK-KEEPER, Chinese or Portuguese. Security Bond Necessary—Apply—Box 2962, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [2962]

TO BE LET OR SOLD.

FULLY FURNISHED BUNGALOW in Chinese Chow.

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TO LET.

ON or About MARCH, 1926, WHOLE FLAT, 16, DE VOUX ROAD, CHATER OFFICES in the "FRENCH BUILDING" at "VICTORIA BUILDING," No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (between CHATER and MARGARET BARS).

Apply to—BANQUE DE L'INDOCHINE, Chater Road. [2967]

TO LET.

COMMODOUS PREMISES in GROUND FLOOR, 16, DE VOUX ROAD, CHATER. Would make Admirable Showroom. For full particulars, apply to—THE MANAGER, HONGKONG AND CANTON ICE CO. [2951]

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GODOWNS in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS (Basement).

Apply—SECRETARY, A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

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TO LET.

TWO Newly-constructed EUROPEAN HOUSES, MAGNIFICENT GARAGE, ROAD, Three Flats, Three Large Rooms, each with Kitchen, Servants' Quarters and Bath Room, fitted with Flush System.

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INTIMATION

"With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come;

And let my liver rather heat with wine,

Than my heart cool with mortifying groans.

Why should a man whose blood is warm within,

Sit like his grandsire on a slab?

Sleep when he wakes?" And creep into the jaundice

"By being peevish?"

Merchant of Venice. Act I, Sc. 1.

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Oldest & Finest ... 61.00 5.20

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BIRTH.

OLIVER.—At the Peak Hospital, on December 11th, to the wife of Mr. R. E. H. OLIVER, a daughter.

[2965]

Hongkong Office: 1A, Chater Road.

London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

(Published daily, except on Sundays and Public Holidays.)

THE DRUG HABIT.

The growing addiction of people to narcotic drugs has been noted of late years in most countries of the world, and especially in China. We have it on the authority of Dr. W. H. GRAHAM APLEAND, Secretary of the International Anti-Opium Association at Peking, that "Since the almost complete suppression of opium cultivation in China in 1917, morphia, heroin and cocaine have entered yearly in increasing quantities. Formerly, they were used as 'cures' for opium, and as such have replaced one evil with an infinitely greater and more destructive one. The drug habit has established itself all over China north of the Great River and is insidiously spreading itself in the South. Morphia, not opium, is the growing menace of North China." We have it also on excellent authority that in Europe the cocaine habit, which was rare a dozen years ago, spread rapidly during the early days of the war. Its users became numerous in Paris, and the cult of cocaine snuffing spread quickly to London. In Germany cocaine snuffing, it is stated, is entirely post-war, and seems to be confined entirely to the large cities, especially Berlin, where supplies can be obtained in certain bars. It is very prevalent also in the United States.

The spread of the habit has led to research work in England, and we are told on the authority of Dr. W. E. DIXON, an eminent pharmacologist, and Sir WILLIAM POPE, a chemist of the highest

authority, that the result of this research work to date is that a class of cocaine substitutes, called "borocaines," has been discovered, which, they say, "seems destined entirely to replace cocaine as surface anaesthetics as well as for injection." The importance of this discovery lies in the conclusion that these borocaine "seem to pave the way for legislation entirely prohibiting the importation of cocaine and so minimising cocaine addiction."

Unfortunately, general experience shows that prohibition everywhere leads to the development of a profitable smuggling trade. We see it in the United States in the case of alcoholic liquors; and we see it in China in the case of narcotic drugs. Morphia has been imported into China in casks of Epsom Salts, and embedded in blocks of Soda, or as tannic Acid or naphthalin; and heroin as aspirin or under some other disguise only to be penetrated by chemical analysis. The Chinese Government has been urged to establish a monopoly of narcotic drugs, not by manufacturing, but by purchasing yearly in one large bulk the total amount required for medical purposes in China, placing it in a Government storehouse and selling only to registered and authorised persons; but when we see from the Customs reports the extent to which the smuggling of narcotic drugs is now carried on in China we may well doubt the ability of the Chinese authorities to make a monopoly effective.

In the article in the Daily Mail in which Dr. DIXON and Sir WILLIAM POPE announce the new discovery, the effects of addiction to morphia and cocaine are contrasted. The injection of morphia salts, they state, lulls the brain and destroys judgment and self-control; the subject reposes, unconscious of the worries and realities of life, in a state of stupid languor and of unjustifiable sense of superiority. On the other hand, the snuffing or injection of cocaine stimulates into activity the brain of a particular type of individual; lassitude, depression, and irritability give immediate place to energy, brightness, and vivacity. "The cocaine habit is perhaps the most refractory of all drug addictions, because the victim is convinced, in his mental elation, that he is in every way the superior of those who are attempting his reform. Mental, moral, and physical degeneration occurs more surely and more rapidly in the cocaineist than in the victim to depressant drugs of addiction."

For China, then, there is some consolation at all events to be found in the fact that the popular preference among drug addicts is for the depressant drugs. So far as it is possible to judge from the seizures of narcotic drugs made by the Customs in China, cocaine is relatively in very small demand by the Chinese, compared with morphia and heroin.

The Shanghai A.D.C. has produced

"The Young Person in Pink."

Lady Chater returned to the Colony on Saturday on the M.M. s.s. Amboise.

The last Yaumati ferry now leaves at 2.30 a.m. and from Hongkong at 2.40 a.m.

It is officially notified that the King's Exequatur empowering Dr. Wilhelm Wagner to act as German Consul at Hongkong, has received His Majesty's signature.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that the names of the Baptista, York & Co., Ltd., and the Co-operative Trading Association, Ltd., have been struck off the register.

At the Marine Court on Saturday, before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., four boatmasters were fined \$3, with the alternative of three days' hard labour, for lying inshore.

A Chinese woman was knocked down by a car, said to be H.E. the Governor's, while crossing the roadway at the junction of Queen's Road East and Arsenal Street. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. G. N. Orme, Director of Education, for some days past has been in the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from malarial fever. It is understood that on recovery Mr. Orme will proceed to England on sick leave.

Dr. D. R. Gawler left by the P. & O. s.s. Morea on Saturday for Singapore, whence he sails for Fremantle to spend a short holiday in Western Australia. Dr. Gawler expects to be away from Hongkong two months.

Mr. R. E. Worthington-Evans and Miss Rosemary Worthington-Evans, the son and daughter of Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Secretary for War, were passengers on the P. & O. s.s. Macedonia. They are on a tour round the world.

In the Government Gazette is published an Order in Council applying Part 3 of the Fugitive Offenders Act of 1881 to the Commonwealth of Australia; Papua; Norfolk Island; New Guinea; Nauru; New Zealand; Western Samoa; Fiji; Gilbert and Ellice Island; and British Solomon Islands.

Mr. Alan Arthur Lancelot Tuson has been appointed, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to act temporarily as Senior District Officer and Magistrate for the Territory of Weihaiwei, and Mr. S. L. Burdett, M.C., has been appointed to act as Junior District Officer and Magistrate.

It has been officially notified at Weihaiwei that Mr. Hiram Parkes Wilkinson having retired, Mr. Gilbert Walter King, O.B.E., barrister-at-law, Registrar of His Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court for China, has been appointed to act as Judge of the High Court of Weihaiwei until further notice.

The Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps held a general field day in the Fanling and Sheung Shui districts yesterday. All companies of the Corps left Kowloon at an early hour in the morning and on arriving at

THE WAR IN NORTH CHINA.

HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR YANGTSUN IN WHICH LI CHING LIN'S TROOPS FALL BACK.

"INTERNATIONAL" TRAIN HIT BY SHRAPNEL.

CHANG TSO LIN TO TAKE COMMAND IN ATTEMPT TO TURN TABLES ON HIS ENEMIES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PEKING, December 13th.—Radio messages from the "international" train, which left here yesterday morning, state that artillery fired on the train this morning four miles south of Yangtsun. There were no casualties, but shrapnel broke out window.

The train returned to Yangtsun and according to last reports is still there. Some passengers are still aboard, but others walked across the bridge and took motors and other conveyances to Tientsin. The firing was apparently done by Li Ching Lin's (Civil Governor of Chihbi) artillery. It is doubtful whether it was directed against the train, but a protest has been lodged at Li Ching Lin's headquarters at Tientsin.

Other messages state that heavy fighting is proceeding in the vicinity of Yangtsun and that Li Ching Lin's troops are falling back.

TROOPS NEAR NEWCHANG.

Tokyo, December 13th.—A Kokusa message from Mukden states that some 1,500 of Kuo Sung Ling's troops appeared on the bank of the Liaohe, opposite Newchwang, yesterday. The city is in panic and residents are fleeing.

The Liaohe is already frozen over and one can walk across it.

The Japanese Authorities have decided to reinforce the police with details from the S.M.R. zone, in order to protect the Japanese.

CHANG IN COMMAND.

Tokyo, December 13th.—A Kokusa message from Mukden says that it is reported that Marshal Chang Tso Lin will take command of the forces himself in the coming battle.

As the Mukden troops are erecting fortifications in the South Manchurian Railway compounds, the Japanese Consul-General has issued a warning that he

will not permit their use as Japanese lives and property will be endangered if fighting takes place. The S.M.R. will not permit the transport of Chinese troops and munitions without the Consul-General's certificate.

FOREIGN PROTECTION SOUGHT.

TIENTSIN, December 13th.

Firing was heard until midnight and there was a panic in the Chinese city; but later the populace became reassured by the presence of French, Japanese and Italian soldiers, who were despatched to the city at the special request of the City Police. They are guarding the Electric Works, the Water Works, bridges and other important points.

There are not many Chinese actually in Tientsin. All have been sent to Machan or Peitsang; but it is feared the defeated soldiers will stream into the city and loot.

The presence of Foreign guards not only protects the Native City, but prevents the possibility of hordes of defeated troops suddenly rushing into the Concessions.

THE OMINOUS THIRTEENTH.

Tokyo, December 13th.

The War Office announces that General Ugaki is still satisfied that reinforcements are not yet required; but he thinks Japan's future action will probably be decided by developments in the next few days, culminating on the evening of Sunday, the 13th.

[It is evident that General Ugaki's message must have been despatched from Manchuria some days ago.—Ed.]

The Kokusa Agency's correspondent at Mukden quotes Marshal Chang Tso Lin as declaring that he is determined to attempt to turn the tables on his enemies, after which he will yield his present post to a competent person and himself retire to private life.

POLICE FOR MUKDEN.

At the request of the Civil Administration of Kwantung, the Tokyo Government has detailed 100 police from Seoul to proceed to Mukden.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

M. BRIAND MEETS LEADERS OF SOVIET.

PARIS, December 13th.—M. Briand entertained M. Chicherin and M. Rakovsky to luncheon to-day. "Important conversations" took place after the meal.

THE ALLEGED CONVERSATIONS.

PARIS, December 13th.

According to *Le Journal*, the conversations between M. Briand and M. Chicherin, yesterday, included all outstanding problems. It will be followed by another one on December 16th, after which M.M. Chicherin and Rakovsky will depart for Moscow, in order to inform the Soviet Government.

M. Rakovsky will return to Paris, in the middle of January, when the main negotiations will begin. "French circles consider the first essential to be an honest adjustment of the Russian debt to France. Secondly, Russia's reintegration in European policy depends whether her reconciliation is sincere. This she can prove by ceasing her intrigues with the Third International."

(THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.)

TURKEY AND FRANCE.

MEETING IN PARIS BETWEEN PREMIER AND AMBASSADOR.

PARIS, December 13th.—The Premier, M. Briand, received Fethi Bey the Ambassador of Turkey at Paris.

According to the newspapers, the meeting is likely to have a bearing on Mosul. They add that M. Briand would have surely showed Fethi Bey the advantages which Turkey would get by a more conciliatory attitude. M. Briand is also sure to have renewed the assurances of moderation which M. Sarraf, the French Ambassador, has already given Ankara.

ITALIAN LABOUR TROUBLES.

MUSSOLINI STRONG IN FAVOUR OF COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

SEES DANGER AHEAD.

ROME, December 13th.

In the Chamber, during the debate on the Government Bill with regard to legal control of Trade Unions, Signor Mussolini proposed an amendment, providing compulsory arbitration in all industrial disputes. He declared that he considered the Italian Nation would be in a permanent state of war for the next 5 or 10 years, which would be decisive for the Italian people. International struggles would certainly break out in the future and the Italians must be ready for the production concerned. Production found its best defence in the law to prevent Labour conflicts.

HAYLEY MORRIS CASE.

CASE TO BE HEARD AT SUSSEX ASSIZES.

LONDON, December 13th.

Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, representing the woman defendant, applied at the Sussex Assizes for a postponement to the next Assizes of the trial of Hayley Morris and his wife which was fixed for Monday.

Counsel said the woman was seriously ill.

After much legal argument, Mr. Justice Avey granted the application. Sir Edward Marshall Hall, representing the Crown, asked for the appointment of an independent medical witness to examine Mrs. Morris' who is at a nursing home in London.

Mr. St. John Hutchinson unsuccessfully applied for Hayley Morris to remain on bail, saying his presence was necessary for the medical examination of the woman.

The Judge ordered him to remain in custody, saying he would consider on Monday whether Hayley Morris should be tried alone if the woman was unfit to attend court.

COLBERT LIBRARY BURNED.

FAMOUS FRENCH COLLECTION IS DESTROYED.

PARIS, December 13th.

Fire destroyed the valuable collection of antiquities, also the celebrated Colbert library, at the famous Chateau St. Jean du Maillet, belonging to Count Colbert de Place.

The damage is estimated at ten million francs. [The Colbert library was founded by Jean Baptiste Colbert (1619-1683), the famous French statesman, whose greatest and most lasting achievement was the establishment of the French mercantile marine. Colbert possessed a remarkably fine library which he supplied with manuscripts from every part of Europe where France had placed a Consul.]

JUGO-SLAVIA AND SOVIET.

PROVISIONAL RELATIONS MAY BE ESTABLISHED.

BELGRADE, December 13th.

It is announced that M. Belongitch, Jugo-Slav Minister to Berlin, has been instructed to establish provisional relations with Russia.

DANZIG'S HIGH COMMISSIONER.

LEAGUE APPOINTS SUCCESSOR TO MR. MACDONNELL.

GENEVA, December 13th.

The League Council has appointed, a Dutchman, Dr. Van Hamel, at present head of the judicial department of the League, to succeed Mr. M. S. Macdonnell, O.B.E., who retires from the high-commissionership of Danzig in February.

NEW KING OF PERSIA.

REZA KHAN PEHLEVI IS APPOINTED.

TEHRAN, December 13th.

The Constituent Assembly has unanimously appointed Reza Khan Pehlevi to be King of Persia.

CROSS-COUNTRY CONTEST.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY DEFEAT OXFORD.

LONDON, December 13th.

In the inter-varsity cross-country running, over 7 miles at Roehampton to-day, Cambridge (23 points) beat Oxford, whose points totalled 32.

EARLIER CABLES.

FRENCH FRANC FALLS.

LONDON, December 13th.

The French franc has closed at a new low record of 131.45 to the pound. The fall of the franc is mainly attributed to the further inflation disclosed in yesterday's return of the Banque de France.

LATEST CABLES.

POLITICAL FEARS.

PARIS, December 13th.

In consequence of fears of French political troubles, as the result of M. Loucheur's taxation proposals, the French franc in London fell to-day to 132.50.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED ON SATURDAY.

LONDON, December 13th.

Following are the results of association football matches, played to-day:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE (1st DIVISION.)

Arsenal, 1; W. Bromwich A. 0.
Aston Villa, 1; Blackburn R. 2.
Bolton W. 0; Huddersfield T. 1.
Burnley, 1; Tottenham H. 2.
Leeds U. 3; Manchester C. 4.
Leicester C. 0; Burny, 2.
Liverpool, 0; Cardiff C. 2.
Manchester U. 1; Sheffield U. 2.
Newcastle U. 3; Everton, 3.
Notts C. 2; Sunderland, 0.
W. Ham U. 2; Birmingham, 2.

SECOND DIVISION.

Fulham, 3; Port Vale, 1.
Middlesbrough, 1; Chelsea, 2.
Preston N.E. 3; Clapton O. 1.
Wendnesday, 2; Southampton, 1.
South Shields, 3; Barnsley, 0.
Stockport C. 1; Bradford C. 1.
Stoke C. 1; Nottingham F. 1.
W. Hampton W. 0; Darlington, 0.

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).

Bristol R. 4; Brighton and H.A. 0.
Merthyr T. 3; Norwich C. 1.

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH).

Hallifax T. 1; Nelson, 1.
Hartlepool U. 3; Coventry C. 2.
Walsall, 2; Ashington, 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (DIVISION 1.)

Clydebank, 0; Airdrieonians, 1.
Dundee, 1; Kilmarnock, 0.
Falkirk, 1; Queen's Park, 1.
Hamilton A. 3; Dundee U. 1.
Hearts, 1; St. Johnstone, 2.
Morton, 3; Cowdenbeath, 4.
Partick T. 2; Aberdeen, 2.
Raith R. 3; Motherwell, 1.
Rangers, 3; Hibernians, 1.
St. Mirren, 0; Celtic, 2.

THE ENGLISH CUP.

LONDON, December 13th.

The results in the second round of the English Football Association Cup, played to-day, follow:—

Accrington, 3; Blyth Spartans, 0.
Chilton Colliery, 1; Rochdale, 1.
Stocton, 4; Oldham, 6.
Durham C. 0; Southport, 3.
Crew Alex., 2; Wigan, 2.
Northampton, 3; Newport C. 1.
Clapton, 1; Ilford, 0.
Aberdare, 1; Luton T. 0.
Brentford, 1; Bournemouth, 2.
Swansea, 3; Watford, 2.
Reading, 6; Leyton, 0.
New Brighton, 0; Darlington, 0.
Kettering, 1; Grimsby, 1.
Doncaster, 0; Rotherham C. 2.
Boston, 1; Bradford, 0.
Workshop, 1; Chesterfield, 0.
Swindon, 7; Sittingbourne, 0.
Queen's Pk. R. 1; Charlton, 1.
Southend, 1; Gillingham, 0.

EARLIER CABLES.

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

LEAGUE TO ISSUE GENERAL INVITATION.

GENEVA, December 13th.

A private sitting of the Council of the League has approved the programme of the preparatory committee for a disarmament conference.

One of the outstanding items in the agenda of the conference was disposal of arms and universal satisfaction. All details of the constitution of the disarmament commission, together with the procedure and programme, have been completed, and undoubtedly will be approved at to-morrow's sitting of the Council. The commission will probably meet at Geneva in February.

The States on the Council have all agreed to serve on the commission. Invitations will now be sent to other Powers, including Germany, Russia and the United States.

LATEST CABLES.

A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.

GENEVA, December 13th.

The preparatory committee for the disarmament conference is fixed to meet at Geneva on February 15th. Questions to be submitted to it were approved, including a question by Lord Cecil with regard to the nature of the international supervision to be established if possible in order to ensure countries keeping within the limits of the scale of armaments fixed for them.

The Council agreed to a committee, composed of Messrs. Colban, Guani and Veverka, who will undertake forthwith a preliminary investigation with a view to drafting a convention for the control of the private manufacture of arms and munitions and implements of war, which will serve as a basis for discussion at the international conference.

PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL.

DR. MACHADO SUCCEEDS DR. GOMEZ.

LISBON, December 13th.

Doctor Bernardino Machado has been elected President in succession to Dr. Gomez, who has resigned owing to reasons of health.

CHOLERA IN MADRAS.

NO FURTHER CASES ON GERMAN VESSEL.

MADRAS, December 11th.

There have been no further cases of cholera reported on the a.s. *Trifels*, and the vessel will be permitted to leave for Rangoon where she will be quarantined.

Five of the crew who were sent to hospital are progressing satisfactorily.

[A Madras message of December 9th stated:—The German cargo steamer *Trifels* which arrived from Hamburg last week has been quarantined owing to a sudden outbreak of cholera aboard. Two of the crew have died and seven have been sent to hospital.]

SECRETS BETRAYED.

GERMAN CHEMIST RECEIVES HEAVY SENTENCE.

BERLIN, December 11th.

On the ground that for money he betrayed the secrets of the works to the Inter-Allied Control Commission, Walter Pullerjahn, a former official of a chemical works in the suburb of Wittenhan, has been sentenced by the Supreme Court to fifteen years' penal servitude for high treason. The trial was held in camera.

It was stated that Pullerjahn's information led to an inspection of the works by the Commission, with subsequent serious political consequences.

OPIUM IN PERSIA.

LEAGUE COUNCIL APPOINTS COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY.

GENEVA, December 11th.

At a short session, devoted to minor matters, the League Council approved the proposal for despatch of a commission of enquiry to Persia on the subject of the cultivation of opium.

It passed a resolution thanking the Bureau of Social Hygiene, New York, for its contribution of \$20,000 towards the expenses of the commission.

THE WORLD'S SUGAR.

HEAVIER PRODUCTION EXPECTED FOR CURRENT SEASON.

LONDON, December 11th.

The *Daily Telegraph* reports that the world's production of sugar for the current season is estimated at 24,500,000 tons, being a million tons increase on last year's.

FIRE IN SHIPYARD.

AMSTERDAM, December 11th.

A fire in the Netherlands shipbuilding Company yard has caused the destruction of shipways and very bad damage to a new tanker of ten thousand tons, nearly completed, being built for the Anglo-Persian Oil Company.

LATEST CABLES.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

U.S. NAVAL REPORT.

SECRETARY DWELLS UPON EXCELLENT DISCIPLINE.

WASHINGTON, December 13th.

In his Annual Report, the Secretary for the Navy, Mr. Curtis Wilbur, calls attention to the excellent discipline of the fleet, in which the net desertions were under 1,000 in 1923, compared to 3,500 in 1922; while re-enlistments increased to 72 per cent.

Except for a serious shortage of (1) line officers, there is an adequate number of commissioned men for the six river gunboats for Chinese service, laid down in 1923.

Remarkable success has been demonstrated with the electric drive on battleships, which led to its successful adoption in submarines; and is a step towards obtaining a more reliable, more flexible and more economical submarine propulsion.

The fleet manoeuvres in the neighbourhood of the Hawaiian Islands afforded proof of the combined utility of aircraft, submarines and surface vessels in these operations. The carrier *Langley* served to emphasise the need of these vessels.

ACCIDENT IN THEATRE.

TWELVE MEMBERS OF CHORUS INJURED.

COLLAPSE OF ROOF.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Dec. 12th.

A dozen members of the chorus were injured, some seriously, when the theatre roof over the stage collapsed during the performance of a musical comedy.

Owing to the damage, the company is cancelling engagements.

S.S. "BELGIUM MARU."

JAPANESE VESSEL REFLOATED AT SAMANA BAY.

SANTO DOMINGO, December 12th.

The Japanese steamer *Belgium Maru*, bound from Calcutta to New York, which stranded at the entrance to Samana Bay, on December 9th, has been refloated.

The vessel was tagged off by a salvage steamer. There is no apparent damage.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

JAPAN AND MANCHURIA.
SHOULD TOKYO SUPPORT MUKDEN WAR LORD?

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

Tokyo, December 12th.

The *Chugai* maintains that the general opinion in the House of Peers is that in order to ensure proper protection for the rights and interests of Japan in Manchuria, the Tokyo Government should support Marshal Chang Tso Lin, war lord of Mukden.

The *Nichi-Nichi* credits the Privy Counsellors with desiring action, which virtually entails aiding Chang; but the *Yomi* continues to back the Government's attitude.

"PROSPERITY AND BRIGHTNESS."
NAMING CEREMONY IN TOKYO OF REGENT'S DAUGHTER.

Tokyo, December 12th.

With great ceremony, this morning, the Prince Regent's daughter was named Shigeko Terunomiya, typifying "Prosperity and Brightness."

All Japan took a holiday, fasting and honouring the "naming day."

POLICE AND MOROS CLASH.
FATAL SEQUEL TO MURDER OF FILIPINO TEACHER.

MANILA, December 12th.

Seventeen Moros were killed and five members of the Constabulary were injured as a result of the outlaws resisting the Constabulary's attempt to arrest the murderers of a Filipino school teacher.

(THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.)

CHINESE FINANCIAL MISSION.
GENERAL LU LOH OUTLINES PLANS OF DELEGATES.

PARIS, December 13th.

General Lu Loh, interviewed by *L'Ouvre* said that the Chinese Financial Mission desired to commence its studies in Paris, where already the visitors had inspected the operating of the Customs Services and the central administration of finance. They will visit the Bank of France.

General Lu added that despite the present difficulties which every nation is experiencing, France remains the best example of one that has overcome them.

CHINESE STUDENTS IN ENGLAND.
LOCAL STUDENT PRESIDENT OF THE UNION.

In view of the statement made public

the other day that Mr. Lee Hsuan had under contemplation a scheme by which, with British co-operation and the good wishes of the late Governor and Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, a Cosmopolitan Club would be formed in the old Jardine House on his East Point property, with the purpose of bringing Chinese and foreigners together for social intercourse, it is of interest to note that Mr. Lee Hsuan's son, Mr. B. C. Lee, who is President of the Central Union of Chinese Students in London, showed in the speech he delivered at the annual dinner of the Union (fully reported in the *Hongkong Daily Press* last week), that the son shares to the full the sentiments of the father on this subject.

Mr. B. C. Lee is a former student of Queen's College, and Mr. Lee Hsuan has another son also being educated in England. Several well-known people were present including Mr. Chao Hsin Chu (Changé d'Affaires), Mr. H. G. Wells, Major-General Sir Neil and Lady Malcolm, Sir Denison and Lady Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Russell, and many others.

The President, Mr. B. C. Lee, in proposing the toast of "Our Guests," stated that it had always been the earnest desire of the Chinese Students in England to promote cordial and sincere friendship with the British people and also to strengthen the friendship between China and her neighbours. He thought there was a Club for Chinese, British and American business men in Shanghai, and expressed the opinion that institutions of this kind would do much to promote the mutual understanding they so much desired. To a certain extent the Chinese students in England had achieved this, he said, and referred especially to the privilege they appreciated so much of attending the Universities in England.

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AUGUST 8TH

AUGUST 29TH

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The issue of August 8th contains the detailed reply by A. G. M. to Wu Hor Man's Manifesto. This reply analyses very fully the various contentions put forward by the Bolsheviks in their propaganda, and gives the British point of view. It should be kept on record as it will always be useful for reference purposes.

The issue of August 29th contains the full report of the great indignation meeting held at the Theatre Royal, together with the text of the Telegram sent to the Prime Minister.

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"MARELLA" AND "CONUS" BOTH IN FAULT.
NINE AND THREE MONTHS' SUSPENSIONS.

It will be recalled that the *Marella*, owned by the Burns Philp Line, and the *Conus*, owned by the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company, collided in the outer roads at Singapore on the afternoon of Saturday, October 24th, and both vessels sustained considerable damage, the passengers of the *Marella* being landed after the collision in boats.

The Marine Court of Enquiry at Singapore which investigated the collision suspended the certificate of the master of the *Marella* for nine months and that of the master of the *Conus* for three months.

THE QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

The President read the findings of the court upon the questions submitted, as follows:—

Were the *Marella* and the *Conus* properly found and equipped and in a good and seaworthy condition?—Yes.

What was the state of the weather and sea?—Weather fine and clear, sea calm.

Was there sufficient sea room for the ships to navigate without risk of collision?—Yes.

What was the cause of the collision between the *Marella* and the *Conus* on October 24th, 1923?—Failure of the *Marella* to comply with Article 19 of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

Did both vessels comply with the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea?—No.

Were the *Marella* and the *Conus* crossing ships within the meaning of Article 19 of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions, and if so were proper, or any measures taken on board the *Marella* to keep out of the way of the *Conus*?—They were crossing ships within the meaning of Article 19, and no measures were taken on board the *Marella* to keep out of the way.

Did the *Conus* comply with Article 21 of the said Regulations by keeping her course and speed?—Yes. She kept her course and speed until she was justified in altering them, as set out in the note of the said Article.

Was the collision caused by the wrongful acts or defaults of—

(a) of the Master of the *Marella*, or (b) of the Master of the *Conus*, or (c) the masters of both of the said vessels?—(a) Yes, (b) No, (c) No.

Did the master of the *Conus* render such assistance to the *Marella* after the collision as was practicable and necessary under the provisions of section 422 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1864?—No.

Is any action required with regard to the certificate of the master of the *Marella* or of the *Conus*?—Yes. The certificate of the master of the *Marella* is suspended for nine months, and the certificate of the master of the *Conus* is suspended for three months. The court recommends the temporary issue of a first mate's certificate to each during the period of suspension if they so desire it. What is the extent of the damage to the *Marella* and the *Conus*?—The President described the damage to each ship in detail.

By whom should the costs be paid?—The assessors' charges and costs of photographers to be paid in the proportion of two to one by the master of the *Marella* and the master of the *Conus*. The costs of junior counsel for the Crown to be paid by the Government.

The President of the court was Mr. Franklin Robinson (District Judge), and the assessors were the Acting Master Attendant (Commander C. A. Peal, R.N.R.), the Senior Naval Officer (Capt. P. R. Stevens, D.S.O., R.N.), and Capt. F. G. Follett.

INDIAN ARMY MANOEUVRES.
SMALL MOBILE FORCE AGAINST INFANTRY COLUMNS.

A Delhi wire of November 14th says:—The Northern Command manoeuvres begin on November 28th, and will be preceded by a three days' staff exercise. They will last five days and some 38,000 men will be engaged.

The general scheme is that a Khaki force moving from the South have attacked Doda, an imaginary State lying between the Indus and Rawalpindi. The Doda forces have received an initial reverse and have lost their capital, Rawalpindi, whereupon the Blue force, moving from the Peshawar Valley, goes somewhat tardily to their assistance. The actual manoeuvres consist of the resulting operations between the Khaki and Blue forces.

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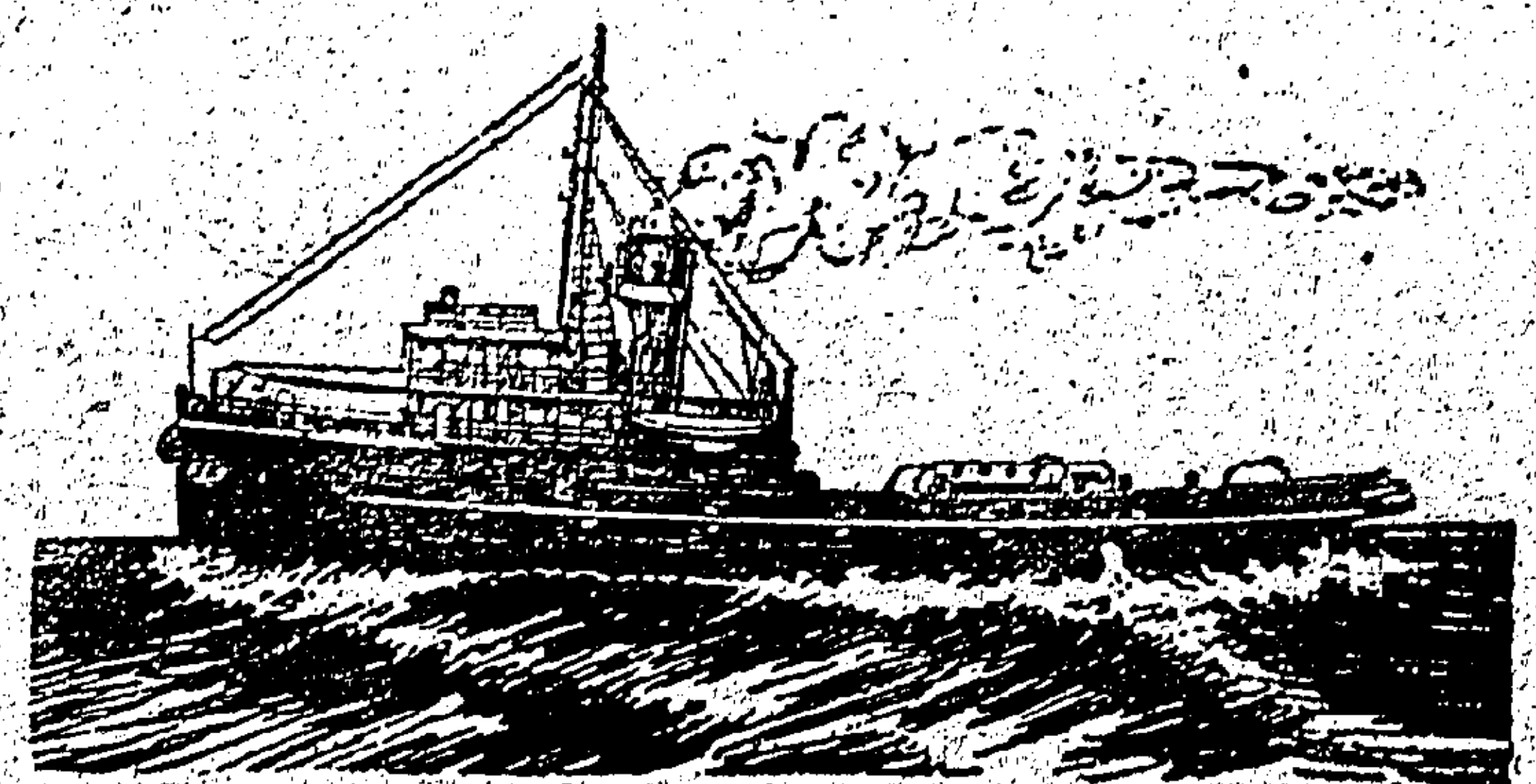
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